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To: Director, Fish and Wildlife Service

Director, National Park Service Director, Geological Survey

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management

Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Notice of Intent to Hold a Public Scoping Meeting and to Prepare an

Environmental Assessment (EA) for an Earth Resources, Inc. (ERI) Proposed 20-

Megawatt Power Generating Station, Franklin County, Georgia

(ER 06/846) (Agency due date: October 11, 2006)

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has published in the **August 25, 2006**, <u>Federal Register</u> a Notice of Intent to Hold a Public Scoping Meeting and to Prepare an EA for an Earth Resources, Inc. (ERI) Proposed 20-Megawatt Power Generating Station, Franklin County, Georgia. Copies of the Notice of Intent to Hold a Public Scoping Meeting and to Prepare an Environmental Assessment can be viewed on the Internet at:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont06.html

A Public Information Document, prepared by ERI, will be presented at the public scoping meeting. The Public Information Document is available at the RUS' Web site: http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm This Office has one copy of the Report which may be borrowed for review if Internet access is unavailable.

Please review the Notice of Intent to Prepare an EA and the ERI-prepared Public Information Document from your particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide comments by **October 11, 2006,** to the RUS contact person according to the instructions in the **August 25, 2006,** <u>Federal Register</u> Notice.

Your comments should reflect that they are the views of the Bureau and not necessarily those of the Department of the Interior. Please provide a copy of any comments you make to this Office.

/s/ 8/29/06 Vijai N. Rai

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